(d) The Sports Authority of India and the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports are implementing the following Schemes and programmes in this respect:—

(1) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme

(2) Army Boys Sports Companies Scheme

(3) Sports Project Development Area Schemes

(4) Sports Hostel Scheme

(5) Special Area Games Scheme

(6) National Coaching Scheme

(7) Pace Bowler's Academy

(8) Sports Talent Search Scholarship Scheme

(9) Special Cash Awards to Winners of International sports events & their Coaches

(10) Sports Fund for pension to Meritorious sportspersons.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Government is giving pension to players who have won medals in the Olympics or gold medals in the Asian Games.

(f) Till March, 1995, an amount of Rs. 3,03,08,667/- has been spent.

(g) Does not arise.

ग्रामीण शिक्षा हेतु आवंटन

4934. प्रो. राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत वर्ष की तुलना में चालू वर्ष में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा ग्रामीण शिक्षा हेतु किये गये आवंटन में कमी आयी है जिसके कारण ग्रामीण शिक्षा पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रयोजनार्थ प्रतिवर्ष कितनी धनराशि का आवंटन किया गया ; और

(ग) चालू वर्ष के दौरान आवंटन में कमी किये जाने के क्या करण है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में उपमंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) से (ग) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में शिक्षा का विकास देश में शिक्षा के समग्र विकास का एक अंग है तथा इस प्रकार ग्रामीण क्षेत्रो में शिक्षा के लिये अलग से आवंटन नहीं किया जाता है । प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक और प्रौढ़ शिक्षा के सर्वाधिक लाभ ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों को पहुंचते हैं । वर्ष 1993–94, 1994–95 तथा 1995–96 में शिक्षा के लिये केन्द्र का योजनागत आवंटन क्रमश: 1310.00 करोड़, 1541.46 करोड़ और 1825.00 करोड़ रु० है । वर्ष 1995–96 में योजनागत परिव्यय वर्ष 1994–95 के परिव्यय की तुलना में 18.4% बढ़ गया है ।

Grant to States for modernisation of Madarsas

4935. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2908 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st March, 1995 and state:

(a) which are the ten States identified for the assistance during 1995-96; and

(b) what is the maximum amount of assistance given to each Madarsas and whether the grant is annual?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) If State Govt. send proposals from Madarsas who Volunteer to adopt the scheme, the same can be considered by the Grants-in-aid Committee of Govt of India and grants recommended to States within the available funds. The proposals from States for assistance during 1995-96 are awaited.

(b) The maximum amount of assistance given to each Madarsa is as follows:—

(i) Salary of one teacher @ Rs. 2200/- p.m.

(ii) Assistance for purchase of Science/Maths Kits—Rs. 4,000/- one time grant. The grant is annual for the Eighth Five Year Plan only.

Hike in prices of paper

4936. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that frequent and steep hike in prices of paper has made books and notebooks costlier for students;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of hike in price of paper, the quality of paper used in note books deteriorated and many books disappeared from the markets and their reprint rendered difficult;

(c) whether Government have gone into the causes of the steep hike in prices of papers; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to ease the position at least for the student community?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) and (b) As per study conducted by NCERT by and large presently there is no/marginal increase in the price of textbooks published by NCERT/ State Governments, though some increase in prices of books published privately has been observed .

(c) nd (d) Ministry of Industry have informed that price of paper have increased on account of rise in cost of coal, power, caustic soda, imported pulp and other raw materials. There is no statutory control over price of paper. Prices are determined by market forces. However, Government is keeping watch over the situation for safeguarding the interests of students.

Women benefited from Rashtriya Mahila Kosh in Gujarat

4937. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women benefited and the number of organisations to whom loans have been given from Rashtriya Mahila Kosh in Gujarat State during 1994-95;

(b) whether Government have plan to increase the activities of the Kosh in the years so as to cover more women during the Eighth Plan Period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SMT. BASAVARAJESWARI): (a) Rashtriya Mahla Kosh has not extended credit limit to any organisation in Gujarat during 1994-95.

(b) and (c) Rashtriya Mahila Kosh has planned to cover about 2 lakhs poor women beneficiaries below the poverty line during the first six years.

For increasing its activities, Rashtrya Mahila Kosh had organised 20 workshops/exposure training programmes all over the country to spread awareness on the Rashtriya